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1. SUMMARY: THIS IS BEIRUT'S SUBMISSION OF FY 1980 "CONSULAR PACKAGE." THIS SUBMISSION HAS BEEN DELAYED (1) BECAUSE CIRCULAR TELEGRAM PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE WAS NOT RECEIVED UNTIL MARCH 14, MORE THAN THREE WEEKS AFTER DUE DATE OF FEBRUARY 20, AND (2) BECAUSE DAY AFTER RECEIPT, LEBANON WAS INVADDED WITH RESULTANT SUDDEN WORKLOAD INCREASES AND SOMEWHAT CHAOTIC CONDITIONS. DELAY HAS ENABLED POST TO WORK FROM SIX MONTHS ACTUAL STATISTICS FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR (FY 1978), THUS MAKING PREDICTIONS FOR THIS YEAR SLIGHTLY MORE ACCURATE. CURRENT CONDITIONS ARE UNSETTLED, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WITH ANY CONFIDENCE THE TYPE AND AMOUNT OF CONSULAR SERVICES WHICH MUST BE PROVIDED IN THE FUTURE. PROJECTIONS, THEREFORE, ARE QUITE TENTATIVE AND ARE BASED UPON ASSUMPTION THAT PRESENT UNCERTAIN SITUATION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL SUMMER OF 1979 WHEN A RETURN TO NORMALITY MAY BEGIN. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS REPORT, WE ASSUME THAT IN FY 1980 THERE WILL BE A RETURN OF CONFIDENCE IN SECURITY, ECONOMY, EDUCATION AND POLITICAL AND
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MILITARY STABILITY IN LEBANON. END SUMMARY.

2. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED IN LOOKING AT STATISTICS FOR FY 1977 THAT CONSULAR SECTION WAS REDUCED IN JULY 1976 TO ONLY AMERICAN SERVICES UNIT AND THAT CITY OF BEIRUT (AND THUS THE EMBASSY) WAS IN A STATE OF SIEGE. MANY RESIDENT AMERICANS, AS WELL AS OFFICIAL AMERICANS, HAD BEEN EVACUATED AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH

REST OF COUNTRY AND OUTSIDE WORLD WERE REDUCED. FIRST REGULAR CONSULAR OFFICER RETURNED TO POST 12TH FEBRUARY 1977. VISA SECTION WAS NOT FULLY OPERATIONAL UNTIL APRIL 1, 1977, AND THERE WAS INHERENT DELAY FOR RETURN TO FULL WORKLOAD DUE TO TRANSFER AND PROCESSING OF FILES AND CASES. BECAUSE OF UNSETTLED CONDITIONS, NORMAL TOURISM IN AREA WAS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT. FOR THESE REASONS, STATISTICS FOR FY 1977 APPEAR LOW BECAUSE THERE WAS VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY FOR MORE THAN HALF OF THE YEAR. VISA STAFF HAD BEEN SENT TDY TO OTHER POSTS IN AREA. THIS IS REFLECTED IN "DETAIL OUT" FIGURES.

3. FOR SCHEDULES I THROUGH IV COLUMN HEADINGS REPRESENT FOLLOWING:

A. FY 1977 ACTUAL 10/1/76 TO 9/30/77

B. FY 1978 ESTIMATE 10/1/77 TO 9/30/78

C. FY 1979 ESTIMATE 10/1/78 TO 9/30/79

D. FY 1980 ESTIMATE 10/1/79 TO 9/30/80.

4. SCHEDULE I - IMMIGRANT VISAS

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1. IV'S ISSUED	1460	3000	3000	3000
2. IV'S REFUSED	202	600	600	600
3. TOTAL IV CASES	1662	3600	3600	3600

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

4. FULL TIME PERMANENT	902	2249	2193	2193
5. TEMPORARY DETAIL	-	-	-	-
6. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)	-	-	-	-
7. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN-HOURS	902	2249	2193	2193

LOCAL

8. FULL TIME PERMANENT	3707	8055	8100	8100
9. TEMPORARY DETAIL	-	-	-	-
10. PIT	-	504	-	-
11. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HOURS	3707	8559	8100	8100

12. TOTAL IV MAN-HOURS	4609	10,808	10,293	10,293
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OF TOTAL IV CASES REQUIRING:

13. USE OF INTERPRETER 90 0/0 90 0/0 90 0/0 90 0/0
 14. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 25 0/0 15 0/0 15 0/0 15 0/0

5. SCHEDULE II - NON IMMIGRANT VISAS

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15. NIV'S ISSUED 7035 11,200 13,000 15,000
 16. NIV'S REFUSED 2711 4800 5000 5000
 17. TOTAL NIV CASES 9746 16,000 18,000 20,000

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:
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AMERICAN OFFICERS

18. FULL TIME PERMANENT 1311 2865 3377 4107
 19. TEMPORARY DETAIL - 152 - -
 20. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED) - - - -
 21. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN-HOURS 1311 3017 3377 4107

LOCAL

22. FULL TIME PERMANENT 2815 5394 9900 9900
 23. TEMPORARY DETAIL 555 - - -
 24. PIT 256 1680 - 2680
 25. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HOURS 3626 7074 9900 12580

26. TOTAL NIV MAN-HOURS 4937 10091 13277 15687

27. NIV FEES COLLECTED \$19,000 35,000 40,000 45,000
 28. BORDER CROSSING CARDS FY 77 0 0 0 0
 29. CREW LIST VISAS FY-77 3 4 8 8
 30. NAMES ON CREW LIST VISAS FY-77 99 122 244 244

OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING:

31. INTERVIEWS 90 0/0 90 0/0 90 0/0 75 0/0
 32. USE OF INTERPRETER
 (OF TOTALNIV CASES INTERVIEWED)
 80 0/0 80 0/0 80 0/0 80 0/0
 33. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 1 0/0 1 0/0 1 0/0 1 0/0

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6. SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

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34. AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS	44	50	50	50
35. ESTATE/PROPERTY CLAIMS	41	50	80	70
36. NOTARIALS	1289	4000	4000	4500
37. WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS	320	600	800	1000
38. ARRESTS	0	10	10	20
39. SEAMAN AND SHIPPING	2	2	2	10
40. OTHER AGENCY SERVICES	2654	3000	3500	3500
41. TOTAL SCS CASES	4350	7712	8442	9150

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

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42. FULL TIME PERMANENT	1000	1800	2250	2700
43. TEMPORARY DETAIL	96	-	-	-
44. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)	-	-	-	-
45. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN-HOURS	1096	1800	2250	2700

LOCAL

46. FULL TIME PERMANENT	3610	3912	5700	5700
47. TEMPORARY DETAIL	-	-	-	-
48. PIT	-	498	-	-
49. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HOURS	3610	4410	5700	5700

50. TOTAL SCS MAN-HOURS	4706	6210	7950	8400
51. TREASURY CHECKS FY-77	7572	6600	7600	9000

7. SCHEDULE IV - CITIZENSHIP AND
PASSPORT SERVICESNEA
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52. PPT APPLICATIONS EXECUTED	345	500	700	800
53. PPT APPLICATIONS EXAMINED	6	0	0	0
54. FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED	323	485	670	790
55. NO-FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED	1	15	30	10
56. PPT'S AMENDED OR EXTENDED	22	30	100	150
57. NEW REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS	520	700	200	500
58. REPORTS OF BIRTH	21	20	20	25
59. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE	0	1	1	1
60. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS	0	2	2	3
61. SUB-TOTAL PASSPORT CASES	1238	1753	1723	2279
62. IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED	0	4	4	4
63. TOTAL PASSPORT CASES	1238	1757	1727	2283

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64. FULL TIME PERMANENT	365	640	1180	1800
65. TEMPORARY DETAIL	80	-	-	-
66. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)	0	-	-	-
67. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN-HOURS	445	640	1180	1800

LOCAL

68. FULL-TIME PERMANENT	1868	1776	1800	1800
69. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	-	-	-
70. PIT	0	-	-	-
71. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HOURS	1868	1776	1800	1800

72. TOTAL PPT MAN-HOURS	2313	2416	2980	3600
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73. AMERICANS REGISTERED 1/31/78	2812
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AMERICAN CITIZEN RESIDENT:

74. OFFICIAL	32	50	?	?
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8. SCHEDULE V - CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS

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BEIRUT, LEBANON

FY-1977

HOURS GAINED:	AMERICAN	LOCAL
OVERTIME	37	354
DETAILS IN	176	380

HOURS LOST:	AMERICAN	LOCAL
DETAILS OUT	1568	5192
STAFFING GAPS	0	0
PROLONGED LEAVE	880	0

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LEBANON, BEIRUT

AMERICANS:	VISAS	SCS	PPT	GENERAL	TOTAL
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76. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77	2		2	4
77. AUTHORIZED 1/31/78	2		2	4
78. FILLED 1/31/78	3		2	5 #

INCREASE/DECREASE

79. REQUIRED FY 1979 1 1 2

LOCALS:	VISAS	SCS	PPT	GENERAL	TOTAL
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81. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77	8	1	1	1	11
82. AUTHORIZED 1/31/78	8	1	1	1	11
83. FILLED 1/31/78	8	1	1	1	11

INCREASE/DECREASE

84. REQUIRED FY 1979 2 1 3

85. REQUIRED FY 1980 0

(DUAL INCUMBENCY FROM JANUARY 31, 1978 TO MARCH 30, 1978).

9. SCHEDULE VI - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.

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A. FEDERAL BENEFIT ACTIVITY

1. NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED: NONE

2. HOURS WORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS ON WORK OTHER
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THAN FEDERAL BENEFITS: NONE

3. HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NONREIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES
ON FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERICAN	LOCAL
211	1072

B. DOCUMENT FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

1. BY WHOM CONDUCTED: SECURITY UNDER SUPERVISION CONOFF.

2. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION ESTIMATE:

A. VISA	120
B. FEDERAL BENEFITS	60
C. PASSPORT	0

C. U.S. CITIZENS IN JAIL 1/31/78 1 (ONE)

D. SERVICES FOR INS:

1. NUMBER OF RE-ENTRY PERMIT EXTENSIONS	47
2. NUMBER OF I-151 CARD SURRENDERED	8
3. I-151 CARD INTERVIEWS - LOST OR STOLEN	15
4. MANHOURS WORKED BY CONSULAR EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE ABOVE INS SERVICES: AMERICAN 15 LOCAL 70	

E. LOST OF NATIONALITY CASES 0

F. DETAILED BREAKOUT OF FIGURE ENTERED IN SCHEDULE III,
ITEM 34 AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS. (1977)

1. BURIED LOCALLY	40
2. REMAINS SHIPPED TO U.S.	4

G. DETAILED BREAKOUT OF FIGURE ENTERED IN SCHEDULE III,
ITEM 37 WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:
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(1977)

1. SEARCHES FOR/MISSING PERSONS	15
2. EMERGENCY MESSAGES	25
3. CHILD CUSTODY CASES	1

4. ILLNESS OR HOSPITAL CASES NOT INVOLVING
 MEDEVAC 1
5. MEDEVAC INVOLVING REPATRIATION LOANS 0
6. MEDEVAC NOT AT USG EXPENSE 1
7. REPATRIATION APPLICATIONS 1
8. REPATRIATION NOT INVOLVING USG EXPENSE 1
9. EMERGENCY MONEY TRANSFERS (INCLUDING TRUST
 AND COMMERCIAL BANK) 9
10. UNSPECIFIED MISCELLANEOUS W/W ACTIONS 266

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10. VISAS.

IMMIGRANT VISAS APPLICATIONS FORCAST TO REMAIN AT CURRENT
MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 300 THROUGH FY 1980. AVAILABILITY OF NON
OR SIXTH-PREFERENCE NUMBER HAS A LIMITED EFFECT UPON BEIRUT'S
IMMIGRANT LOAD AS MOST APPLICANTS ARE BENEFICIAIRES OF RELATIVE
PETITIONS. ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE REDUCED PRESSURE TO IMMIGRATE
AS CONDITIONS RETURN TO NORMAL, EACH IMMIGRANT HAS POTENTIAL
ABILITY TO PETITION FOR FURTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY. ADDI-
TIONALLY, THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS PRESENTLY BEING PROCESSED AT
OTHER POSTS ARE LIKELY TO RETURN AGAIN TO BEIRUT FOR PROCESSING AS
SECURITY CONDITIONS IMPROVE. POST HAS NOT FACTORED INTO WORKLOAD
THE RESUMPTION OF REFUGEE PROCESSING AT POST, ALTHOUGH THIS

IS POSSIBILITY. PROCESSING OF IV CASES CONTINUES TO BE DIFFICULT
SINCE FREQUENTLY FAMILIES HAVE URGENT FINANCIAL AND SECURITY
PROBLEMS, AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS CHANGES FROM MONTH TO MONTH,
AND MAIL SYSTEM NO LONGER SERVES SOUTHERN PORTION OF COUNTRY
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AND IS EXTREMELY UNRELIABLE ELSEWHERE.

NON IMMIGRANT DEMAND FORECAST TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THROUGH
FY 1980 AT ABOUT 10 PERCENT PER YEAR. URGE TO SEEK MORE SECURE
ENVIRONMENT IS LIKELY TO KEEP REFUSAL RATE AT PRESENT LEVEL OF
30 PERCENT UNTIL FY 80 WHEN RATE SHOULD DECLINE SLIGHTLY. NIV
APPLICATIONS WILL REMAIN HIGH EVEN AFTER RETURN TO NORMAL
CONDITIONS SINCE MANY STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES
IN U.S., BUSINESSMEN WISH TO MAINTAIN CONTACTS AND RELATIVES WILL
WANT TO VISIT IMMIGRATED FAMILY MEMBERS. SINCE NIVS FOR LEBANESE
HAVE VALIDITY LIMITED TO ONE YEAR, MUCH OF WORKLOAD IS REPLACEMENT
ISSUANCE. UNDER PRESENT UNSETTLED CONDITIONS, THIS DOES NOT
MEAN THAT REPLACEMENT VISAS ARE EASILY ISSUED. NEARLY ALL APPLI-
CANTS REQUIRE PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH AN INTERPRETER TO ENSURE
ELIGIBILITY. MANY VISA APPLICATIONS AT PRESENT ARE FOR "INSURANCE"
PURPOSES TO PERMIT ESCAPE IN EVENT OF ANOTHER CRISIS.

OPERATION OF VISA UNIT HAMPERED BY CRAMPED SPACE NECESSITATED
BY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND INCREASED WORKLOAD. THIS EXPECTED
TO BE REMEDIED BY JUNE 1978 WHEN MORE SPACE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE
TO CONSULAR SECTION. AVLOS SYSTEM SHOULD BE PLANNED FOR AND
BUDGETED AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. NOT ONLY HAVE CONSULATES
IN REST OF WORLD BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO ISSUING VISAS TO LEBANESE,
BUT BEIRUT ALSO REMAINS A CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR
ENTIRE MID-EAST. AVLOS WILL ENSURE THAT VISA-SHOPPING IS REDUCED
AND LATEST INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO AND FROM POST. BEIRUT
APPEARS TO HAVE BECOME A CENTER FOR SOME VERY PECULAR TRAVELERS.
ANNUAL NIV LOAD FOR FY 1978 OF 16,000 WOULD APPEAR TO WARRANT
SYSTEM.

ANTI-FRAUD ACTIVITIES ARE MANAGED BY CHIEF OF VISA UNIT AND SENIOR
LOCAL. THEIR ACTIVITY IS MUCH RESTRICTED DURING SUMMER MONTHS WITH
PEAK NIV LOAD. IMMIGRANT ACTIVITY CANNOT BE POSTPONED TO LESS
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HECTIC PERIODS DUE TO GREAT URGENCY IN DEPARTING COUNTRY.

11. SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES.

OPTIMISM ABOUT FUTURE OF BEIRUT AS MAJOR ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AND

REST/RECREATION AREA OF MIDDLE EAST WHICH PREVAILED IN SPRING OF 1977 HAS WANED. UNTIL RETURN OF SECURITY AGAIN MAKES CITY ATTRACTIVE TO TOURISTS AND BUSINESSMEN, THE TYPE OF SERVICES WILL DIFFER FROM THAT REQUIRED PRE-WAR. ESTATE AND PROPERTY CLAIMS INCREASE AS AMERICAN CITIZENS APPEAL FOR HELP IN EVICTING SQUATTERS, ENDING REQUISITION OF THEIR PROPERTY BY ARMED ELEMENTS AND RESTORATION OF WAR-DAMAGED PROPERTY. SUCH CASES ARE DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE BECAUSE OF MULTIPLICITY OF ARMED ELEMENTS WHICH EXERCISE QUASI-AUTHORITY IN LEBANON. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO IGNORE CITIZENS' PLEASE FOR ASSISTANCE JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE DUAL NATIONALS OR BECAUSE THE OFFENDING ARMED ELEMENT IS A BANDIT FORCE DISGUISED AS CIVIL MILITIA. COURTS AND POLICE HAVE NOT RECOVERED FULLY FROM EFFECTS OF THE 1975/76 WAR AND IT IS NO ROUTINE MATTER TO ATTEMPT TO ADVISE DETAINEES OF NORMAL COURT AND PRISON PROCEDURES OR SENTENCES WHICH THEY ARE LIKELY TO FACE. DIFFERENT ARMED FORCES MAINTAIN THEIR OWN PRISONS AND ARE NOT CONVERSANT WITH VIENNA CONVENTION NOR INCLINED TO ABIDE BY IT. DISORDERS REQUIRE GREAT EFFORT AND THOUGHT REGARDING POSSIBLE E AND E MATTERS AND THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF VISITS OR CALLS FROM AMERICAN CITIZENS ABOUT THE SECURITY SITUATION WHICH MAY CHANGE FROM HOUR TO HOUR. SUCH CALLS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO QUANTIFY. FOR EXAMPLE, MANY AMERICAN RE-REGISTER MONTHLY ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT COUNTED AS RE-REGISTRATION.

NOTARIAL SERVICES ARE INCREASING DUE TO AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT PRESENTED FOR IMMIGRANTS AND STUDENTS AND AS MORE POWERS OF ATTORNEY ARE GIVEN TO ENABLE PROPERTY OWNERS TO LEAVE THEIR AFFAIRS IN CONTROL OF SOMEONE ELSE. DEPOSITIONS APPEAR LIKELY TO INCREASE WITH CONFLICTS OVER NON-PAYMENT FOR GOODS AND SERVICES AS CONSEQUENCE OF WAR.

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ARREST CASES NOT EXPECTED INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY UNTIL FY 1980, BUT THEY ARE NOTORIOUSLY TIME-CONSUMING. OTHER W/W CASES INCREASE AS DISORDERS IN COUNTRY CAUSE CONCERN ON PART OF RELATIVES. THOSE FEW TOURISTS OR WANDERING STUDENTS WHO DO COME DURING NEXT YEAR ARE MORE LIKELY TO NEED ASSISTANCE. NATURALLY, WITH RETURN OF TOURISTS AND BUSINESSMEN, GENERAL W/W WORK WILL INCREASE.

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FEDERAL BENEFITS ACTIVITIES NOT EXPECTED INCREASE DRASTICALLY BUT AS CONDITIONS IMPROVE MANY PERSONS OF LEBANESE ANCESTRY WILL RETURN TO LIVE HERE ON SS AND VA BENEFITS. GREAT DEAL OF TIME WAS DEVOTED TO FEDERAL BENEFITS CASES IN FY 77 AS DELIVERY OF CHECKS RESUMED IN MARCH AFTER 10 MONTHS LAPSE. ALL BENEFICIARIES WERE REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN PERSON OR BE VISITED BY CONSULAR OFFICIAL TO ASSURE BENEFICIARIES STILL ALIVE AND IN COUNTRY. POWERS OF ATTORNEY WERE FREQUENTLY TAKEN OUTSIDE CHANCERY SO ELDERLY AND CRIPPLED NEED NOT APPEAR IN PERSON AGAIN. CHECKS MAILED BEGINNING AUGUST 1977, BUT SINCE INVASION OF SOUTH LEBANON IN MID-MARCH 1978, MAIL UNDELIVERABLE IN THAT AREA. PERSONAL COLLECTION OF CHECKS GENERATES MORE WORKLOAD. EVEN WHEN MAIL SERVICE RESUMES, CHANGING ADDRESSES FOR REFUGEES IS LIKELY TO BE UNENDING. FLEXIBILITY IS EXERCISED, BUT IT IS NOT PARTICULARLY EFFICIENT.

12. CITIZENSHIP/PASSPORT SERVICES:

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EMBASSY BELIEVES CURRENT PESSIMISM WILL DELAY FULL RETURN OF BUSINESS FIRMS AND TOURISTS FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER SUMMER. PASSPORT ISSUANCE WILL LIKELY CONTINUE AT ROUGHLY HALF OF PRE-WAR LEVEL THROUGH REMAINDER OF CALENDAR 1978, ALTHOUGH PERCENTAGES OF COMPLEX AND INVOLVED CITIZENSHIP CASES INCREASES WITH DISORDERS BECAUSE DUAL-NATIONALS OFTEN RECALL THAT THEY ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS AND REQUEST PASSPORTS AS INSURANCE. PAGES OF NEW, SMALLER PASSPORT ARE FILLED RAPIDLY IN MIDDLE EAST AND FOR THIS REASON MANY REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS MUST BE ISSUED WITHIN MONTHS OF PREVIOUS

ISSUANCE. PASSPORT AMENDMENTS WILL INCREASE AS DEPENDENTS ARE ADDED OR DELETED WHEN FAMILIES BEGIN TO RETURN BEFORE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR IN LATE FY 1979. RETURN OF RESIDENT AND VISITING AMERICANS WILL RESULT IN SHARP INCREASE OF SERVICES IN FY 1980. NO FEE PASSPORTS REQUIRED AS INCREASING NUMBERS OF OFFICIAL AMERICANS OBTAIN PASSPORTS FOR TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA.

13. PERSONNEL:

AS NOTED ELSEWHERE, WORKLOAD PROJECTIONS TENTATIVE SINCE CONDITIONS COULD CHANGE RAPIDLY AND CREATE IMMEDIATE STAFFING PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY WITH CONSULAR OFFICERS FOR PASSPORT AND SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES. BECAUSE OF THIS AND FACT THAT MUCH OF OUR WORKLOAD CONCENTRATED IN SUMMER MONTHS, POST NEEDS FIVE CONSULAR OFFICERS ASSIGNED FOR SUMMER 1978 AND SIX FOR SUMMER 1979. MANHOURS REPORTED IN STATISTICAL DATA ARE, HOWEVER, BASED UPON ASSUMPTION OFFICERS WILL NOT ARRIVE UNTIL FOLLOWING OCTOBER AND REQUEST FOR AMERICANS SHOWS BOTH FOR FY 79. ADDITIONAL THREE LOCAL POSITIONS REQUIRED NOW (SEE BEIRUT 1515) BUT, AGAIN, ASSUMPTION MADE FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES THAT THEY WILL BE STARTING FY 79. THREE PIT POSITIONS ALREADY AUTHORIZED FOR THIS SUMMER WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO COPE WITH WORKLOAD IF AT LEAST ONE PERMANENT FSL

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IS AUTHORIZED IMMEDIATELY. NEW PERMANENT EMPLOYEE WILL BE ASSIGNED AS CASHIER FREEING CASHIER, WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN IMMIGRANT VISAS. ONE PIT WILL ACT AS SECRETARY TO CHIEF OF SECTION WHO HAS RESIGNED HIMSELF TO FACT NO AMERICAN SECRETARY LIKELY TO BE ASSIGNED IN NEAR FUTURE. THIS SHOULD MAKE FOR MORE EFFICIENT USAGE OF HIS TIME AS WELL AS THAT OF LOCALS, PARTICULARLY IN AMERICAN SERVICES. NEAREST SECRETARIAL GRADE EMPLOYEE IS FOUR OFFICES AWAY AND CHIEF IS ANSWERING HIS OWN PHONE, HIMSELF HAND-CARRYING URGENT CASES AND BURDENED WITH PEOPLE CASUALLY WALKING IN WHEN THEY CHOOSE. OFFICES HANDICAPPED BY INTERCOM SYSTEM THAT IS PERENNIALY MALFUNCTIONING. DISTANCE OF CHIEF FROM WAITING ROOM AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES WILL BE CORRECTED BY JUNE WHEN ADDITIONAL SPACE IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE.

OTHER TWO PITs WILL WORK ON NIV RECEPTION, FILING AND INTERPRETING IN SUMMER MONTHS WHEN NIV WORKLOAD PARTICULARLY HEAVY. SECOND SENIOR FAL IN VISA UNIT IS TO BE ON MATERNITY LEAVE MAY AND JUNE. PROJECTION ASSUMES SECOND AND THIRD ADDITIONAL PERMANENT FSL EMPLOYEES WILL BE AUTHORIZED AND ON BOARD FOR ALL FY 79.

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